

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH**

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**CLOSED WORK MEETING**

OCTOBER 5, 2017

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Hillsborough Township, County of Somerset, New Jersey convened in a Closed Work Session on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 7:55: pm. In the Conference Room at the Hillsborough Township Municipal Building on South Branch Road. Commissioner Co-Chairman John Catrombon, Jr. called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, a call of the roll indicated that Board members present were: Commissioner John Catrombon Jr., Commissioner John Lazorchak, Commissioner Pat Buckley Commissioner, and Commissioner Mike Carone. Absent: Commissioner Charlie Nuara.

In accordance with the state of NJ "Sunshine Law" adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing notification to the Hillsborough Beacon and Courier News. Notice was also delivered to the Township Clerk and posted on the Municipal Building Bulletin Board.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Commissioners discussed the following:

**Firefighter Nick Speciale, Hillsborough Fire Co. #2 (Station 37) – Forgery of Certificates**

- It was brought to the attention of the Board of Fire Commissioners in September, 2017, that two Extrication Certificates did not resemble all other Extrication Certificates given out by the Somerset County Academy.
- Commissioner Buckley had transcripts pulled out at the Somerset County Academy and reviewed them, and it was determined that they were not the same as the ones given out by Somerset County Academy.
- These two certificates were for Firefighter Nick Speciale. Commissioner Nuara spoke with Nick Speciale and he denied that they were not legitimate certificates.
- Several days later, Nick Speciale sent an email to Commissioner Nuara and admitted that they were not legitimate certificates. He said he has had a lot of personal things going on. Nick submitted his letter of resignation to Chief Rich Bartolucci and Deputy

Chief Bill Shaffer of Hillsborough Fire Company #2 (Station 37), and his resignation was announced at the Monthly Fire Meeting at Station 37 on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 without details on why.

- Commissioner Nuara spoke with the rest of the Board members and asked for this to be discussed in a Closed Session Work Meeting, and asked for a decision to be made as to how they want to handle this. He also spoke with John Sheridan, OEM as Nick was a member of OEM, and Chief Fire Marshal Weniger. Also, Commissioner Buckley advised Attorney Braslow of the situation.
- It was discussed and a decision was made by the four Commissioners in attendance of the Closed Work Session Meeting that after one year, Nick Speciale can only submit an membership application for a Social Member of Hillsborough Fire Company #2 (Station 37), and it is up to the Hillsborough Fire Company #2 to accept or deny that application. He will not be allowed to hold any firematic or administrative duty in the Hillsborough Township Fire District.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comment, **a motion was made by Commissioner Catrombon, Jr., and seconded by Commissioner Carone to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Roll call vote: All approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

John Lazorchak, Secretary  
Hillsborough Township  
Board of Fire Commissioners

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